

## Glenbrook Neighborhood Association Quarterly Meeting

March 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Christie Fountain, President

Welcomed members and visitors and introduced the Board Members present.

### **Old Business/Updates:**

- Minutes for quarterly meeting of January 16, 2019, were approved;
- Board Member, Anita Kozminsky, reported that currently there are 227 residential members and 54 business members;
- Treasurer, Meryl McDaniel, reported a balance of \$4000+ in GNA bank account;
- GNA received \$350 from Giving Day participation for maintenance of the Liberty Garden; 2 rain barrels have been ordered to collect/recycle rain water to water the Garden;
- Board Member, Zara De Luca announced next GNA Meetup will be a community service event on April 27, at the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County on Glenbrook Rd.; GNA continues to attract interest on Facebook/social media;
- 504 Glenbrook Rd., in the Village Commercial District, will begin leasing in April/May. Still no decision as to what type of business will occupy the commercial space;
- Josie Carpanzano of Fixit Stamford program, the speaker at the January 16th meeting, would like feedback from GNA members who have used the system;
- Board Member, Marie Metz, presented revisions to the GNA By-laws which had been approved by the Board of Directors. Discussion ensued. Motion was made by Scott McCauley, seconded by various members. Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

- Neighborhood Grant - GNA applying for two new "Welcome" signs;
- Tour of City Carting recycling operation is April 11 at 6 p.m. Sign up is necessary;
- "Spring Cleanup", including dumpster/shredder/free tag sale, to be held Sat., May 18;
- Board Member, MaryAnn Mara, reported that the spring plantings for the 22 sidewalk planters scattered throughout Glenbrook will be replanted with flowers during the "Spring Cleanup".

### **Introductions:**

- New members/visitors/elected officials representing Glenbrook in Stamford/Hartford were introduced;

**Announcements:**

- Viktoria Cooper, Stamford Board of Realtors, volunteered group from their organization, to help at the "Spring Cleanup";
- Joe Criscuolo, owner of Nick's Pizza/Bacco located on Glenbrook Rd., announced a block party to be held in July to celebrate 50th Anniversary of his business.

**Program:**

"The Exit 9 Bridge Replacement Project" presentation was led by Jill Barrett, Senior Project Manager of Fitzgerald & Halliday Inc., with assistance from Matthew Cleary, CTDOT Assistant District 3 Engineer for Construction, Lou Eveno, CTDOT Resident Engineer and Kelsey Kahn, Project Coordinator of Fitzgerald & Halliday Inc. The project entails replacing the Route 1 bridge without closing I-95 using an innovative building technique, Accelerated Bridge Construction. The bridge is currently being built on land by the side of the road and will be installed in two phases. This construction is fully funded by the State of CT.

Phase One will close exit 9 from 8 p.m. May 31 until 5 a.m. Monday, June 3; traffic from I-95 will be detoured onto local streets; 1/2 the replacement bridge will be put in place during this time. Phase Two will follow the same process from 8p.m. Friday, June 7 until 5 a.m. Monday, June 10.

Video was shown of a comparable project completed using the same technology on I-84. A flyer with information was handed out to all in attendance and all were urged to check updates on the website, [www.i95exit9.com](http://www.i95exit9.com). The bridge replacement will be livestreamed on the website.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. Attendees stayed until 9:00 to have conversations with elected representatives, the guest speakers, and one another.

Submitted by Marie F. Metz, Vice President